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SUBJECT: ERNST NEIZVESTNIY RECEIVES HIS EXIT VISA

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1. SCULPTOR ERNST NEIZVESTNIY WAS GIVEN HIS EXIT VISA ON FEBRUARY 26. THE VISA IS VALID UNTIL MARCH 10. NEIZVESTNIY COMPLAINED THAT THIS DOES NOT GIVE HIM MUCH TIME, BUT HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION.

2. NEIZVESTNIY TOLD US THAT THE PROBLEM OF DUTY ON THOSE WORKS THAT HE INTENDS TO EXPORT FROM THE USSR IS ALSO ON THE ROAD TO SOLUTION. HE SAYS THAT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL BUY ADDITIONAL WORKS AND PAY SUFFICIENTLY HIGH PRICES TO REDUCE THE TOTAL DUTY TO A MANAGEABLE AMOUNT. NEIZVESTNIY FEELS THAT HIS THREAT TO "GO PUBLIC" CAUSED THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE TO COMPROMISE. HE ADDS THAT HE THINKS THAT THE TIMING OF THE VISA IS INTENDED TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE USSR DURING THE PARTY CONGRESS.

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